



PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Masato Shimakawa, et al.
Serial No. : 09/749,345
For : SPEECH SYNTHESIZING APPARATUS, SPEECH SYNTHESIZING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM
Filed : December 27, 2000
Examiner : Wozniak, James S.
Art Unit : 2655

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	14	Minus	** 20	*0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	3	Minus	*** 3	*0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

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- ☐ Checks in the amount of \$ are attached, which cover the cost of ☐ additional claims ☐ petition for extension of time.
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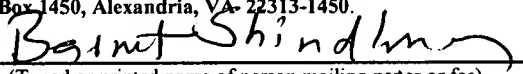
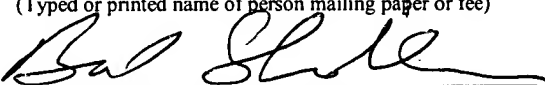
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**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 14, 2005, having a three-month
statutory period for response set to expire on January 17, 2006 (January 14, 2006 being a Saturday and

January 16, 2006 being a holiday), Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination and a check in the amount of \$790.00 as payment of the fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.